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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:
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pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 3143955 A (ERNEST B. ROCKWELL) 11 August 1964

D2: US 5082676 A (HAG GF AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT) 21 January 1992

D1 relates to a machine for brewing beverage servings, preferably individual servings, by flowing water through successive water-pervious compartments which are longitudinally spaced apart along a ribbon or tape and which contain the material from which the beverage is to be extracted.

D2 relates to a cassette for producing coffee by the cup or pot and for use with a liquid receptacle having an internal locking flange. The cassette comprises a ring defining an interior and forming a bottom annular groove to receive the locking flange of the liquid receptacle and thereby to hold the cassette in place therein. The cassette further includes a plurality of ribs connected to and extending across the ring and separating the interior thereof into a multitude of sections, and coffee particles disposed in said sections.

(1) Novelty (N) and Inventive Step (IS)

The present invention provides a pod for packaging a variety of soluble contents easily and extracting them simply. The pod includes an o-ring (20) inserted between two sheets of rectangular packaging means (12a, 12b), and is formed to have a three-dimensional shape by attaching upper and lower portions of the side margins (51) defined by the inserted o-ring (20). A mechanical interfacing means is provided at the side margins of the pod to thereby mechanically interface and convert the pod and connect one or more pods side by side so that they can be extracted mechanically by means of an extraction device corresponding to the mechanically interfaced and converted pod.

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Box No V

Said o-ring (20), side margins (51) and mechanical interfacing means of the present invention are not rendered obvious from the prior art, and there is a striking difference between the present invention and the cited inventions of D1 and D2.

Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 are considered to be novel (PCT Article 33(2)) and to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

Claims 3 to 5 comply with the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3) as they are dependent on claims 1, 2, 6 and 7.

(2) Industrial Applicability (IA)

It is considered that the present invention is industrially applicable to a machine interfaced coffee pods including an o-ring, a brewing method thereof and an extraction device thereof, which have an effect in packaging several soluble extracts including coffee with ease and quite simple.

Therefore, claims 1 to 7 meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(4).